



Toys are popular gifts for children. When buying children's toys, please follow these simple safety tips:

- Buy toys that suit your child's current age, interest, and abilities.
- Look for the letters "ASTM", which show that the product meets the national safety standards set by the American Society for Testing and Materials.
- Look for safety labels like "Not recommended for children under 3 years of age," "non-toxic," and "washable/hygienic materials."
- Check toys regularly for damage and safety hazards such as sharp edges. Make necessary repairs immediately or throw away damaged toys.
- Toys are frequently recalled for safety reasons. Check the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission site, <http://www.cpsc.gov>, for updates and information on toy recalls.
- Always watch your children while they play.
- Teach your children to put toys away safely after playing. Safe storage prevents falls and other injuries.



For more information on toy safety, please contact the Massachusetts Department of Public Health's Injury Prevention and Control Program at (617) 624-5070 or visit our website at <http://www.state.ma.us/dph/fch/injury/index.htm>